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The eight steamship lines listed in the footnote * (appellees below) petition that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit entered in this case on February 11, 1977 (551 F.2d 447), if but only if the petition in No. 76-1505, *Safir v. Kreps*, is granted.

STATEMENT

A petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed by respondent Safir on April 29, 1977 (No. 76-1505). By order of the Chief Justice, the Solicitor General and these petitioners were granted extensions of time to and including July 11, 1977 to file cross-petitions on the issue whether Mr. Safir has standing to maintain this suit in the courts below.

* American Export Lines, Inc.; Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc.; Moore-McCormack Lines, Incorporated; United States Lines, Inc.; American President Lines, Ltd.; Farrell Lines Inc.; Prudential Lines, Inc.; and PSS Steamship Company, Inc.

The Solicitor General is filing such a petition, which we understand is conditional on the grant of Mr. Safir's petition, concurrently herewith. The opinions below, jurisdiction, question presented, statement, and reasons for granting the writ are fully set forth in the Solicitor General's petition; his statements are incorporated herein by this reference and will not be repeated here. The conflict between the decision below and decisions of this Court is apparent.

CONCLUSION

These petitioners, accordingly, join with the Solicitor General in requesting that a writ issue herein if a writ issues in No. 76-1505.

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